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CLIMATE AND CROP BULLETIN.

Weather Bureau, Missouri Section For The Week Ending Last Monday.

The past week was cold and unseasonable throughout the state, freezing temperatures occurring in all sections. Precipitation was below normal, except in a few extreme south-eastern counties and in a few extreme north-central counties. Thunderstorms, accompanied by heavy hail and high wind, crossed the northern portion of the state on the 20th, resulting in considerable damage to fruit trees in some localities.

The growth of vegetation was generally retarded by cool and unseasonable conditions. Oats, clover, gardens and pastures are in need of moisture and warmth. A general rain would be beneficial in all sections except a few counties mentioned in the foregoing. The lack of moisture is beginning to be seriously felt in all of the central, and most of the east-central counties.

Corn planting was pushed in all parts of the state, and is now general except in the extreme northern tier of counties; in some counties the work was completed. In a few localities corn had come to good stand and was cut down by frost, but as a rule weather has been too cool and dry for rapid germination.

Early potatoes are coming up and in some localities were cut down by the freeze, although the damage was slight.

Wheat and rye generally look well, but moisture would be beneficial as a rule.

Correspondents do not agree as to damage to fruit and berries by freeze during first part of week. Many report that trees are still in full bloom and no dropping; others report that one-half the crop is destroyed, and some say that not more than 20 per cent was injured. It appears that the greatest injury occurred in the central and south-central counties, and on low land, while fruit on high land was not seriously damaged. There is still a good prospect for peaches in some of the extreme southern counties, and apples were unhurt in northern counties.

Early strawberries were injured to some extent.

The Empty Gun Again.

The "unloaded" gun got in its awful work over at Marceline this week. Murt Poulter, a 12-year old boy, shot the 6-year old daughter of R. C. Shittick Tuesday night. Four of the children who are neighbors were playing in the yard. One of the older boys had a double barreled shot gun. The Poulter boy remarked "let me have the gun and I will shoot her." He leveled the gun at the little girl and fired. The entire charge took effect in the abdomen. She lived only a few hours. The Poulter boy says he was only in fun and did not know the gun was loaded.

A Daredevil Ride

Often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 25c at W. R. Barton's.

Stock Pasture.

I will pasture cattle—all ages—at 50 cents per month.

4-22-tf J. J. FRUIN.

Eggs for Hatching.

Full blood Buff Plymouth Rock chickens; eggs \$1.00 per setting of 15.

J. J. DEININGER,
Route 2. Laclede, Mo.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Marceline again has electric street lights.

Rev. Wm. Sissons has sold his farm near St. Catherine at \$51 per acre and will become a citizen of Brookfield.

Congressman Rucker has made himself solid with the Marceline Mirror by sending the editor a sack full of flower seeds.

Dr. C. F. Cochran, of Brookfield, has been appointed a member of the Laclede pension board to succeed Dr. Pettijohn, resigned.

The Linn county Baptist association has been in session three days at Meadville the past week. The association closes tomorrow.

Browning has a curfew bell that makes the little boys scamper for home at 9 p. m., but all good boys are home long before that time.

Burnett Dail, the 18 year old son of Ex-Sheriff Dail, died at the family home in Marceline on Thursday of last week from acute appendicitis.

The Linn county medical association held its regular quarterly meeting in Brookfield last week. The next meeting will be held in Marceline July 18.

What promises to be one of the best coal mines in North Missouri will be opened and ready for work at Marceline in June. It is a new mine located north of town.

The county board of equalization held an adjourned term at the court house in Linneus the first of the week to listen to the "tale of woe" from tax payers from over the county.

A corn and feed mill is to be built on the site of the Linneus mills recently destroyed by fire, the Linneus business men helping the enterprise along with a contribution of \$350.

Sealed proposals will be received by the county court up to noon on the first day of May from any bank in Linn county that may desire to be selected as the county depository for the next two years.

About June 1 another newspaper is to be launched in Brookfield, to be known as the Weekly Star. A. W. Lacy is to be its sponsor, and it will be a South Side paper, having its office in the old Clark hotel.

G. W. Weippiert, who came from Chicago a few weeks ago and bought an interest in the Budget, returned to Chicago last week, leaving the paper in charge of his partner, Mr. Gallamore. Next!

The Sunday closing wave that is sweeping over Missouri struck Marceline and even the meat market and bakery were locked up, to say nothing about the saloons and other grogshops being closed as tight as the mouth of a thirty-second degree mason.

The old Austin mill which has stood on the banks of Locust creek northwest of Linneus for many years tumbled down into the creek this week and is now only a heap of ruins. The dam having washed out many years ago, the falling of the old structure moves the Bulletin to remark that there is now "neither dam by a mill-site nor mill by a dam-site."

Special Easter services were held at the First M. E. church in Brookfield last Sunday. There were over 700 in attendance at morning and evening service, the church being filled to its full capacity. The splendid program included special music by the choir, of which Mrs. Kathryn Quincy, of Laclede, is director. Mrs. Quincy is a great favorite with Brookfield people as a director and soloist, and the church is to be congratulated on securing her services.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

The fine rain of last Tuesday night was just what the farmers of Linn county had been wanting. Crops and growing vegetation are fairly booming now.

Leonard Baker, one of Laclede's bright young men, who attended the Gem City business college last year, now has a position in the Moore bank at Brookfield.

Rev. M. H. Bradley will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. Miss Ethel Bradley will lead the singing. All are cordially invited to these services.

At a called meeting of the Laclede Fishing Club last Friday night, held at the office of the president, Mayor Allen, the by-laws were amended limiting the membership to 25 instead of 20, and raising the membership fee to \$40.

W. T. Roush, who is now operator for the Northern Pacific at Kiona, Wash., sends in a dollar to have THE BLADE sent to his address a year. Will was born and raised in Laclede and wants to hear regularly from his old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Edwards, after spending a month with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Clough, near Forker, left Thursday morning for their home at Hansen, Neb., where Mr. Edwards is agent for the Burlington railroad.

Jas. K. Stark received a telegram Monday announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stark, at Petersburg, Pa., which occurred early that morning. She was a highly respected woman and had reached the ripe age of 84 years. The funeral was held Wednesday, but on account of the great distance Mr. Stark was not able to attend.

W. R. Adams, teacher of the Plum Grove school has designed and had printed at this office a quantity of grade cards. The matter is nicely arranged, and they are well printed on a good grade of card board. He has placed them on the market at the following prices: 100, 75 cents; 50, 45 cents; 40 or less, 1 cent each. Address, W. R. Adams, Laclede, Mo.

Mrs. Paul Harlan, who has been here several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Smith, and family, departed for her home at St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Harlan is manager of the American telephone and telegraph company. Sue was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mattie Smith, who expects to make her home in St. Paul, having been tendered a position as teacher in the schools at that place. THE BLADE will keep them posted on Laclede matters.

Having secured a favorable lease on their present quarters, Geo. C. Smith & Co. have decided to remain in Laclede. This is certainly good news to Laclede and the surrounding country. The building is to be remodeled and when completed will be one of the handsomest and most up-to-date dry goods and furnishing stores in the country. As soon as the lease was signed the first of the week, Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for the market, where they are selecting an entire new stock, and it is understood that it will be one of the largest single shipments ever brought to the town and will include everything demanded by the spring and summer trade. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are popular and well liked by everybody, and we bespeak for them a continuation of the liberal patronage they have received in the past.

The New Road Law.

One of the most important laws passed by the recent legislature is what is known as the Brown road law, which provides for the building of permanent roads. The essential provisions of the law are as follows:

All farmers benefitted by the roads are to pay their share of the cost of improvement. These payments are to be made on a basis of the valuation of the lands.

Farms within a mile of the road are to be assessed at 100 per cent of their worth. Those one mile away will be assessed at 72 per cent, and those two miles away at 50 per cent.

The several county courts are to be permitted to establish road districts, which must not be larger than the school districts, and employ an engineer to draw up plans and specifications.

Three commissioners are to be elected—though pending an election they are to be appointed by the county court—to have charge of the new road districts. All plans for the new roads are to be submitted to the land owners of the affected district and one vote is to be permitted to be cast for each acre owned by the man casting the ballot. A majority is to rule, and whenever a plan is voted down it must not be submitted again for two years.

Payments are to be made either in spot cash or spread over a term of years, whichever plan the voters may decide upon at their election. Where the payments are to be deferred—twenty years if need be under the new bill—counties may issue bonds, secured by the property in the benefited district. Poll taxes are to be made only in money.

Needed no License.

A case of considerable importance to retail grocers—and, for that matter, to all retail merchants—was practically decided by Judge Adams of the United States court at St. Louis Tuesday by the discharge on habeas corpus proceedings, of Harry E. Sellers, a traveling man who was in jail in Louisiana, Pike county, on the charge of peddling without license in that city. Sellers, it appears, had been chosen by a Quincy house to make a test case. It was set forth in the information upon which the warrant was issued and the arrest made that Sellers was taking orders for a coffee and tea house in Quincy and later delivered the goods. Instead of paying the fine of ten dollars that was assessed, Sellers went to jail for the purpose of testing the city ordinance.

It was plainly a case of peddling without license, to the injury of the retail merchants of Louisiana, who pay a license and merchants' tax, at least so far as the merchants are concerned, but the United States court held that the business and the manner in which it was conducted was protected from the license law of any city or county under the provisions of the interstate commerce laws, and the court ordered the discharge of Sellers.

Brookfield has a similar ordinance to that of Louisiana, but has been careful not to attempt to enforce it against dealers from another state. A Kansas City representative engaged in the same business in Brookfield came to grief some time since, as his case that went to the supreme court was decided in favor of Brookfield.—Gazette.

Frightful Suffering Relieved.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of undigested food, C. G. Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr. King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel disorders give way to their tonic, laxative properties. 25c at W. R. Barton's drug store, guaranteed.

A WORD ABOUT LACLEDE.

What Is Needed to Attract Attention to It As an Important Trade Center.

The business men, taken as a whole, are the life germ of a town. Beautiful dwellings, well kept lawns, plenty of churches and good schools are all attractions—but it is the amount of business done that makes the town what it is.

The farmer living within an equal trading distance of several towns, of which Laclede is one, does not take into consideration our beautiful park or handsome new church and school building when his flour bin becomes empty or his family needs some dry goods—what he wants to know is, where can he get these things and make his money go the farthest?

If Laclede has the name of being that place, it is at Laclede that that farmer is going to trade. And it is the country trade that keeps up towns like Laclede.

There is but one way of keeping in touch with the people within Laclede's trade limitations, and that is by a systematic course of advertising in THE BLADE. Of course, for two or three firms to advertise continuously helps to pull trade to the town and all are benefitted to some extent, but if all lines of business were represented, it would have a more salubrious effect upon trade conditions. Advertising stimulates every fibre of business energy within the merchant and the reader of his advertisement—the merchant ever striving to more and more increase his trade and the reader to be constantly increasing the purchasing power of his money. The result is a growing volume of business coming to the town, and a general realization of that much-used word—prosperity.

To accomplish this end the united efforts of every business man are required. All lines, trades and professions must be represented.

During the fifteen years the writer has been in the newspaper business in Laclede, he has spent much time and labor in extolling the town's virtues and calling attention to its many advantages as a trading point for the surrounding country, and often when the total revenue from local advertising didn't amount to two dollars a week.

THE BLADE is now each week a welcome visitor in practically every home within Laclede's trade zone. The continued use of its columns by some three or four merchants ought to be the means of causing others to join in and draw and hold the trade that rightfully belongs to Laclede, but is being pulled away by stronger efforts made by other towns.

Cheated Death.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by choosing the right medicine E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had kidney trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble and keep them constantly on hand as I find they have no equal." W. R. Barton, druggist, guarantees them at 50c.

Barred Plymouth Rocks.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching. Pure stock from good laying strains. Prices reasonable. Address either Laclede or Boomer post-office; phone Ferker line.

A. P. WELSH.

Keep Out.

Hunting and fishing is forbidden on my farm and all trespassers will be prosecuted. J. H. PRESTON.